



March 20, 2022 - Third Sunday In Lent

As We Gather: “Our Savior’s Hands” is the overall theme for our sermon series for the Sundays in Lent prior to Holy Week. Each week we will focus on a different aspect of what our Savior said or did during His earthy ministry and how what He continues to do impacts our lives today. Our focus today is on “Hands that Provide” as we focus on Matthew’s account of Jesus feeding the five thousand.

Welcome

Hymn: LSB 433 “Glory Be to Jesus”

Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

People: **Who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

People: **But with you there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition, Together, as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying; God be merciful to me a sinner.

(Moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.)

All: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Kyrie

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Gracious Father, You have shown patience with us sinners who deserved Your wrath; turn our hearts away from sin and to the Lord Jesus Christ, that we may know the power of His life in us and bear the good fruits of Your kingdom in our daily lives; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray.

People: Amen.

Old Testament Reading – Ezekiel 33:7-20 *(God calls people to repent and live.)*

⁷“Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the people of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. ⁸When I say to the wicked, ‘You wicked person, you will surely die,’ and you do not speak out to dissuade them from their ways, that wicked person will die for their sin, and I will hold you accountable for their blood. ⁹But if you do warn the wicked person to turn from their ways and they do not do so, they will die for their sin, though you yourself will be saved. ¹⁰“Son of man, say to the Israelites, ‘This is what you are saying: “Our offenses and sins weigh us down, and we are wasting away because of them. How then can we live?”’ ¹¹Say to them, ‘As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, people of Israel?’ ¹²“Therefore, son of man, say to your people, ‘If someone who is righteous disobeys, that person’s former righteousness will count for nothing. And if someone who is wicked repents, that person’s former wickedness will not bring condemnation. The righteous person who sins will not be allowed to live even though they were formerly righteous.’ ¹³If I tell a righteous person that they will surely live, but then they trust in their righteousness and do evil, none of the righteous things that person has done will be remembered; they will die for the evil they have done. ¹⁴And if I say to a wicked person, ‘You will surely die,’ but they then turn away from their sin and do what is just and right— ¹⁵if they give back what they took in pledge for a loan, return what they have stolen, follow the decrees that give life, and do no evil—that person will surely live; they will not die. ¹⁶None of the sins that person has committed will be remembered against them. They have done what is just and right; they will surely live. ¹⁷“Yet your people say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ But it is their way that is not just. ¹⁸If a righteous person turns from their righteousness and does evil, they will die for it. ¹⁹And if a wicked person turns away from their wickedness and does what is just and right, they will live by doing so. ²⁰Yet you Israelites say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ But I will judge each of you according to your own ways.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading – 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 *(Paul reminds us that we are to learn from the experiences of God’s people in the Old Testament.)*

For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. ² They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. ³ They all ate the same spiritual food ⁴ and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ. ⁵ Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered in the wilderness. ⁶ Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did. ⁷ Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: “The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry.” ⁸ We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did—and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died. ⁹ We should not test Christ, as some of them did—and were killed by snakes. ¹⁰ And do not grumble, as some of them did—and were killed by the destroying angel. ¹¹ These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come. ¹² So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don’t fall! ¹³ No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading – Luke 13:1-9 *(Jesus teaches that everyone needs to repent and now is the time to do so.)*

Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. ² Jesus answered, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? ³ I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. ⁴ Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵ I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.” ⁶ Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. ⁷ So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, ‘For three years now I’ve been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven’t found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?’ ⁸ “‘Sir,’ the man replied, ‘leave it alone for one more year, and I’ll dig around it and fertilize it. ⁹ If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.’”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Hymn: LSB 809 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Sermon: Matthew 14:13-20 “Our Savior’s Hands: Hands That Provide”

Confession of Faith:

The Nicene Creed

All: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and

was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come.

Prayers of the Church

Hymn: LSB 740 "I Am Jesus Little Lamb"

The Communion Liturgy

Pastor: The Lord's Supper is God's gift for Christians who are properly taught. In communion, we want people to receive Christ's body and blood for their good. This means that as you come to the Lord's Table you affirm with each communicant that Jesus is your Savior and Lord; and with Lutheran Christians you confess:

All: I recognize and confess that I am a sinner. I repent of my sins and ask God's forgiveness. I believe Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from sin, Satan, and death. I believe that the risen Christ is really present in the Sacrament and, that under the form of bread and wine, I receive His true body and blood for the forgiveness of my sin and the strengthening of my faith and life. (Augsburg Confession-Article X)

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: With hearts emboldened by Your mercy, we come, O Lord, to give You thanks and praise for all Your kindness toward us sinners, who deserved only Your wrath. We rejoice that You delivered up Your own Son to the cross and have forgiven us all our sins by His one, all-sufficient suffering and death. As He is risen from the dead, raise us up from sin and its death to praise Your goodness and worship You with all our hearts, minds, and strength. Recalling the saints of old who have gone before us, we join with their voices and the whole heavenly host, evermore praising You and singing:

Holy, Holy, Holy (*Words and music in the hymnal—LSB page 208*)

Holy, Holy, holy Lord God of Sab-a-oth adored;

Heaven and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.

Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;

Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: Once we were no people, O Lord, but now we are Your people in Christ, our Savior. By His suffering and death, He paid our debt of sin and released us from the curse of death. Rejoicing in all that He has accomplished on our behalf, we call upon You to grant us Your Holy Spirit, that we may show forth in holy lives our faith and trust in Jesus Christ, our Savior. Prepare us

by Your grace to receive Him who comes to us in His body and blood, that no sin may prevent us from receiving to our salvation this most precious Communion. Hear us for the sake of Your Son.

People: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Greeting of Peace

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

Lamb of God (*Words and music in the hymnal—LSB page 210*)

- 1. O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**
- 2. O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord we pray.**

Communion Distribution

Distribution Hymns: LSB 637 "Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"
LSB 420 "Christ, the Life of All the Living"

Nunc Dimittis—Song of Simeon (*Words and music in the Hymnal—LSB page 211*)

- 1. O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heavenly peace, For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace: A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill, The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.**
- 2. All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son, All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One; For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be, God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.**

Post-Communion Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this sacrament, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Benediction

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

People: Amen.

Hymn: LSB 427 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

ANNOUNCEMENTS for Week of March 20, 2022



Grace Lutheran Church 1120 S. Park Ave. Aurora, MO
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PRAY FOR: Victorian Christian Family
Grace, Lamar- Rev. Galen Friedrichs

Prayers of Thanks for Pam Bowling, Diane Thompson, Kathy Holle and LaRae LaBouff.

- Ryan Young – (Kathy Holle’s nephew – protection on his military deployment)
- Rick Thomas – (Health and healing from cancer & Covid)
- Mahlon Stine – (Joe Lynn’s grandson - health and healing)
- Larry Willis – (Friend of Joanne Michel – health and healing)
- Stacy Maples – (Friend of Joanne Michel – health and healing)
- Margaret Seburn - (Cousin of Joanne Michel - health and healing)
- Bill Parsons – (Brother of Joanne Michel - health and healing from surgery)
- Gary Gardner– (Health and healing from surgery)
- Bill Thompson – (Health and healing from surgery)
- Joan Wolf – (Health and healing)
- Michael Lampe – (Pastor’s son – health and healing)
- Eric Folsom – (Healing and finding purpose)
- Randy Wallace – (Brother-in-law of Micki Gettman – health and healing)
- Rick Strong – (Brother-in-law of Micki Gettman – health and healing)
- Diana Bauer – (Daughter-in-law of Gladys Bauer - health and healing)
- Jami Bauer – (Relative of Gladys Bauer - peace and comfort)
- Vicki Heppard – (Relative of Gladys Bauer - health and healing from cancer)
- Chris Woodard– (Friend of Cathy Munden – health and healing from cancer)
- Ronnie Garoutte - (Father-in-law of Amy Garoutte - health and healing)
- Danata Hopkins – (Friend of Harold Lampe - health and healing from surgery)
- Bob & Barbara Steinberg - (Health and healing)
- Brenda Winkle - (Friend of Heidi Costello - health and healing)
- Kamryn Rockett – (Granddaughter of Jeeper Meyer - health and healing after a car accident)
- Courtney Lynne Thurmon – (Daughter of Cindy Springer – peace and healing from cancer)

THIS WEEK

Sunday	March 20th	Happy Half Hour – 9:00 am Fellowship – 9:30 am Service with Communion – 10:00 am
Wednesday	March 23rd	Pastor in the Office Service – 7:00 pm with Pastor Fitje
Thursday	March 24th	Pastor in the Office Project Rise – Meal 5:15 pm

Saturday **March 26th** **Business Expo - 10:00 am – 1:00 pm**

Sunday **March 27th** **Happy Half Hour – 9:00 am**
Fellowship – 9:30 am
Service – 10:00 am with Pastor Cox

Birthdays: Elias Sharp-Mar. 21; David Lampe-Mar. 24; David Hoaglan-Mar. 25;
Kelsey Robertson-Mar. 26

Anniversaries: Scott & Tammy Stafford-Mar. 25

Welcome to Sharon Barlow, Stan & Sharon Crandall and Dorothea Dennis for joining us in membership at Grace. If you have a chance, please introduce yourself and welcome them into our fellowship.

Lenten Devotion Booklets are available in the narthex (entryway).

Portals of Prayer are available in the narthex.

The LWML Spring Rally will be held on **Sunday, April 24th**, beginning at 3:00 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Joplin, MO. If you would like to attend, please let Edith know by March 27th. More information about the rally as well as the ingathering information is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Lenten Offerings: This Lenten season's mid-week offerings will go to Todd Neil. He was born and raised in Aurora where he played football for the Houn' Dawgs graduating from AHS in 2005. Thereafter, he married Sarah in 2016 and they have three wonderful children, Madeline age two, Abigail (who is special needs) age four and the new arrival of Benjamin in April 2021. He worked at AFB in Aurora as a Process Specialist until 2019. In 2019 Todd thought he had a common cold. This left him tired all the time. He did his best to shake it off, but it persisted. He sought medical treatment and was eventually referred to heart specialists. His formal diagnosis is Systolic Heart Failure with a lowered ejection fraction. That means his heart isn't strong enough to pump blood throughout his body. In addition to his medical needs, the house that he is living in is greatly in need of repair. Aurora Rotary, Habitat for Humanity, Aurora Beautification Company, First Presbyterian Church Deacons, and Grace Lutheran Church are helping to raise funds for him and his family. The total fundraising goal is \$25,000 to be raised with a gun raffle, a 50/50 raffle, GoFundMe, and direct donations.

Next Game Night: 4th Sunday – April 23

Tables & Chair Sale: If a member wishes to purchase either or both – the deadline is April 10th. See one of the Trustees or Dennis Doss.

Ukraine: There is an announcement on the bulletin board of ways to help Ukraine through the LCMS.

Grace Lutheran – T-Shirts & Sweatshirts: If interested in getting one, please see Pam.

Memory Care: Our Church Website now has information on memory care and senior topics.

Please have a look at church website and let us know what you think.

Plus 1 - Project Blue Barrel: March - "March in Someone Else's Shoes"

New or gently used Tennis Shoes for Pre-K - High School. Please consider contributing and supporting this project. Check the church website for more information



<https://www.gracelutheranaurora.com/worship.php#sermons>

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March

GREETERS

20–Bob & Rachel Sanford
27-Charlie & Edee Chambers

USHERS

20-Don Wolf
27-Charlie Chambers